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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 CRAIG DOUGLAS ALLEN,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 CITRUS HEIGHTS POLICE DEPT., et al.,

15 Defendants.
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No. 2:20-cv-1853-JAM-KJN PS

ORDER

(ECF No. 9)

17 Previously, the undersigned recommended plaintiff's IFP application be denied, but that
18 plaintiff be allowed to pay the filing fee in installments. (ECF No. 3.) The district court adopted
19 these recommendations, and ordered that once the filing fee was satisfied, service on defendants
20 could proceed. (ECF No. 4.) Plaintiff has satisfied the \$400 filing fee, and so the case may
21 proceed to the service-of-process phase.

22 Further, the court is in receipt of plaintiff's motion to seal. (ECF No. 9.) Requests to seal
23 documents in this district are governed by Local Rule 141. In brief, the rule provides that
24 documents may only be sealed by a written order of the court after a specific request to seal has
25 been made. Local Rule 141(a). However, a mere request to seal is not enough. Local Rule
26 141(b) requires that "[t]he 'Request to Seal Documents' shall set forth the statutory or other
27 authority for sealing ..." E.D. Local Rule 141(b). The court starts "with a strong presumption in
28 favor of access to court records," Center for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Group, LLC, 809 F.3d

1 1092, 1096 (9th Cir. 2016) (quoting Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 331 F.3d 1122, 1135
2 (9th Cir. 2003)). “The presumption of access is ‘based on the need for federal courts, although
3 independent – indeed, particularly because they are independent – to have a measure of
4 accountability and for the public to have confidence in the administration of justice.’” Id.
5 (quoting United States v. Amodeo, 71 F.3d 1044, 1048 (2d Cir.1995)). A request to seal material
6 must normally meet the high threshold of showing that “compelling reasons” support secrecy. Id.
7 (citing Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006)). Here,
8 plaintiff makes no such showing, and so his request is denied.


9 **ORDER**

10 It is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 11 1. The clerk of the court shall issue the appropriate scheduling order, service documents,
12 and documents related to consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction;
13 2. Plaintiff shall effectuate service on defendants, as directed by the scheduling order and
14 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4; and
15 3. Plaintiff’s motion to seal is DENIED.

16 Dated: May 5, 2021

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18 KENDALL J. NEWMAN
19 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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